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For: **An Apparatus And Method Employing Incoherent Light Emitting  
Semiconductor Devices As Particle Detection Light Sources In A Flow  
Cytometer**

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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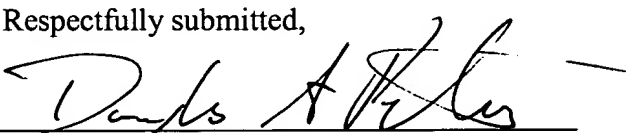
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